

Environmental Compliance Presentation Outline - DSC IDIQ Contractors

I. Define Environmental Compliance

Environmental Compliance - NEPA, Section 106, Section 7, statements of findings for floodplains and wetlands

II. Goals of Environmental Compliance

- a) Resource based planning tool that contributes to better planning/design decision-making
- b) Compliance is not a box to "check-off" on a form at the completion of a project. Compliance adds value to the planning/design process.
- c) By ensuring that all of our compliance obligations are met in a timely and efficient manner, the project moves forward without delay or additional costs.

III. Roles and Responsibilities

a) DSC

- 1) DSC PM - responsible for overall project and budget, including compliance.
- 2) Compliance COR (contracting officer's representative) - manages compliance sub-contactor and coordinates with DSC project manager and park. Compliance COR will be different person than COR for design project.
- 3) COR for design project.

b) Design Prime

- 1) Understands need for compliance and how compliance is integrated with planning and design, to ensure that project moves forward on schedule and within budget.
- 2) Coordinates with DSC and compliance sub.

c) Compliance Sub-Contractor

- 1) Must be aware of project schedule and status and coordinate with DSC compliance COR, park, and design prime to ensure that compliance is completed in a timely manner.
- 2) Prepares appropriate compliance documentation.

d) **Park**

- 1) Provide resource information to compliance sub-contractor
- 2) Coordinate with DSC compliance COR and compliance sub-contractor to ensure compliance is completed in timely manner.

e) **Region**

- 1) Review compliance documents and sign/authorize NEPA decision documents (FONSI or ROD).

IV. **Compliance Tasks**

a) Identify Major Tasks

Environmental Screening Form
Data gathering
Scoping and consultation
Alternative development
Value Analysis
Impact analysis
Produce appropriate compliance documents (EA or EIS)

- b) Use DSC internet website to see how compliance is integrated into the planning and design process.
- c) Emphasize how important it is that compliance specialists (park, DSC, subcontractor) be involved in all facets of projects (communications, meetings, decisions, design changes).

V. **Pathways/Pitfalls**

- a) Begin compliance involvement/activities early. Get environmental screening form underway because the form identifies data needs/gaps and information needed from designers to complete compliance, resources affected, and appropriate level of compliance.
- b) Don't assume compliance is on track - coordinate/communicate with DSC compliance COR and compliance subcontractor.
- c) Alert compliance staff to **any** changes in design.
- d) By ensuring that above three steps are met, we ensure that compliance does not become a critical path.

VI. **Questions and Answers**

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